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## The Ottawa Letter

The last bank failure in Canada occurred over 30 years ago. Banks were not very popular at that time. Since then, they have been much more appreciated by the public and they weathered the economic storm of the thirties in a manner of which Canadians may well be proud.

In 1871, parliament passed the first Bank Act. Charters were then granted for 10 years and, by agreement between the government and the bankers of the day, it was decided that there should be a review of the banking legislation every 10 years. This is the year for a revision and the plan is to look backward to see what weaknesses need to be remedied and what gaps need to be filled. Also, the committee must look forward to see what system can meet expanding needs and changing circumstances. The administration of a monetary policy requires a high degree of skill and good judgement. It requires selecting the right means or combination of means at the right time and to the right degree. For that, there is no simple formula.

Canada can never hope to escape a certain amount of ups and downs transmitted from other countries.

The first bank act prohibited banks from lending money on real estate or immovable property and that prohibition has remained in Act ever since. It is now thought that safe guards can be applied which will make this form of investment safe for a portion of the bank funds and valuable to the economy of the country.

It seems only right that the savings of the people should be used in providing housing which is so desperately needed and which offers such good security.

Bank funds have assisted greatly in the oil development.

In 1871, banks were authorized to issue notes for circulation but, when the Bank of Canada was set up in 1935, this privilege was gradually withdrawn.

To start a bank at present, there must be subscribed capital to the extent of \$500,000, and \$250,000 must be paid up. It is proposed to now have a minimum of \$1,000,000 subscribed and \$500,000 paid up.

The returns of unclaimed deposits now contain about 25,000 names. After ten years, these are held by the Bank of Canada, in trust. It is hoped that a new plan can be worked out whereby more accounts will be returned to the rightful owners. Other changes are being made in cash reserves reports, pensions, bank shares and other technical changes, as well as mortgaged investments. All are designed to safeguard the depositors' money and to further economic development.

One of the four parties in parliament is in favor of government ownership and control of the system. It is feared that as every banker would then be a civil servant and would be governed by strict regulations instead of using his judgement, this would limit loans. Also, it is feared that political pressure might, at times, lead to disaster.

F. W. GERSHAW.

It is a mistake to teach children a little of everything and nothing thoroughly. About all education can do for a man or a boy is to set him thinking for himself. The germ of originality in the individual needs cultivation and stimulation. The head crammed with other people's ideas has little room for its own thought. Many a boy is so thoroughly schooled that the common sense, the will power, the self reliant manhood, is driven out of him. A load of facts with no education in their use is of little value. The most successful business men are those whose scanty education embraced a thorough knowledge of simple rules and studies, but whose necessities have since demanded vigorous thought, incessant industry and the best use of every resource of mind and body. The hotbed system of education enfeebles rather than strengthens. Only a few require the classics astronomy or a knowledge of the dead languages.



Ed McCurdy doesn't want to be hog-tied to the cowboy category but he's tall and mellow in the saddle as one of Canada's foremost ballad singers. While McCurdy doesn't own any dogies, he has collected several thousand bal-

lads. He aims to preserve and encourage genuine folk songs. He says that folk songs should be sung person to person rather than roared to a mass audience. McCurdy enters many Canadian radio homes via CBC.

## Town & District

The F.W.U.A recently completed six quilts for the Red Cross. They are also canvassing for the Red Cross in the surrounding district.

Angus McLeay who has been in the Holy Cross Hospital recovering from illness had the misfortune to slip and fall on the floor and break his wrist.

Davie McBean, Jr., returned recently from a holiday spent in California. While there he called on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Umbrite. He reports that Mrs. Umbrite is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell have returned to town after spending several months in Ireland visiting the former's relatives. Mr. Campbell reports they had a grand trip and thoroughly enjoyed themselves but are glad to be home again.

The regular monthly dance of the Meadowbrook Hall board held last Friday night was not too well attended but all present report having had a good time. The next monthly dance will be held on Easter Monday, April 19th with Country Gentlemen supplying the music.

The Senate of the University of Alberta approved the awarding of three honorary degrees at spring convocation, 1954. One of the three receiving the degree, Doctor of Laws is Mrs. N. Sherback of Gleichen sister, Miss Rae MacIntyre Chittick of Montreal and formerly of Calgary. The other two receiving the degrees are Mr. Peter M. Campbell of Lethbridge and Mr. John D. Dower, M.E., Edmonton.

A successful bake sale was held at the drug store sponsored by the United Church W. A. Saturday afternoon. The W. A. ladies were pleased with the results and say a special thank you to all who made the sale the success it was.

The Junior Branch of Farmers' Union of Alberta and the Scottish Assoc. of Young Farmers' Clubs, have entered into an exchange visit plan whereby each sends delegates as guests of the other organization during alternate years. It has just been announced that those who will go to Scotland this year, as representatives of U.F.A. will be Miss Mable Rasmussen of Gwynn, Alberta, (former Jr. President) and Mr. Wm. Steiner of Arrowwood, outstanding young farmer in that area. These young people will sail from Montreal June 2nd, and will return in August, spending approximately two months touring Scotland, as guests of the Scottish Association. Last year the Junior F.U.A. entertained two young people from the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs—Miss Jessie Adam of Sterlingshire and Miss Helen Tough of Aberdeenshire. It is felt that much to be gained by farm young people of both organizations by these exchange visits.

## FROM THE FILES OF THE CALL TWENTY YEARS AGO

Mrs. N. A. Riddell of Arrowwood spent a couple of days visiting friends in Gleichen, leaving for home Monday.

At the Rockford bonspiel last week a Gleichen rink skipped by the veteran curler Dan MacDonald won the Distributors prize. Dan had on his rink W. Jeffers, W. Bogstie and Stan Haskayne.

Saturday and Sunday were excellent spring days. The heat uncorked by Old Sol on Sunday was surprising for this time of the year and quickly dried up the mud. E. and W. Lester entertained their hockey team to a waffle and weiner dinner last week. The team members state there is nothing like a good feed to get into condition.

A meeting of farmers interested in horse breeding was held in the office of MacCallum & Sutermeister Saturday afternoon. The slate of officers were elected: president A. Buckley; vice-pres. R. Umbrite; secy-treas J. A. McArthur. Directors: J. Gorsche, A. N. McLeay and M. Bollinger.

W. Osler, J. Greer and I Gove members of the local Legion attended the Legion convnion in Calgary Monday.

A most enjoyable evening was spent in honor of three young couples recently married, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Swain and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hunter all of town. A great number of friends gathered at the home of Al Wilson, then proceeded to the home of Mr. Swain and finally gathered in the Oddfellows Hall for a sociable evening with dancing the main event on the program.

Ted Krause and G. House returned unexpectedly from a business trip to Hobbema, owing to Mr. House becoming ill. After a few days rest he was up and around.

## HOW OCCUPATIONS CHANGE

So rapidly have industrial conditions changed within the past few decades the occupations of the people of Canada have been radically altered.

Many trades which formerly provided employment for large numbers have almost disappeared while others have grown to vast proportions. Occupations which have shown a marked reduction in the number of persons employed in proportion of population include those of shop wood workers, marble and stone cutters, wheelwrights, coopers, blacksmiths and many others. The village blacksmith formerly an important adjunct of community life, has almost vanished from many sections.

A tremendous increase is shown in proportion of machinists, while electricians, automobile mechanics have taken leading places in the industrial scheme. In proportion to population plumbers have increased 25 times architects seven times, barbers, hairdressers and manicurists seven times and dentists four times. Clergymen, lawyers and physicians have maintained a

## Chamber of Com.

### Annual Banquet

Monday, March 29

The Gleichen and District Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual meeting and dinner in the Legion Hall on Monday March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

After four years of endeavor the Chamber has at last been incorporated and the charter will be presented at the meeting.

Mr. Derek Griffin, through whose efforts incorporation has been effected, will be present at the meeting.

All members who wish to keep our Chamber of Commerce alive and a going concern are requested to go to the town office and pay their membership fees and purchase a ticket for the dinner. A. Horn, secretary-treasurer.

Unmarried women are said to appreciate fiction more, probably because the married ones are so used to it.

Excessive tidiness is said to indicate a kind of insanity—from which most people around a newspaper office are immune.

It is mighty seldom that the sex of the baby disappoints both parents.

Last year Canadians ate 22 pounds of butter and 7 pounds of margarine per capita.

The energy content of the oil produced in the oil fields of western Canada each day is about 18 times the amount of energy generated at Niagara.

fairly steady average, as have carpenters.

At one time few women were employed outside of their homes, except as teachers so that all engaged in other occupations at present represent a tremendous gain.

What of the future? Will new inventions again revolutionize industry, and employment in many trades and other epoch making inventions have done?

The question is interesting, and we must wait for the answer, but a safe guess would probably be an affirmative one.

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## Saltcoats, Deriving Its Name From A Scottish Resort, Is A Centre Of Progress, Character

"I love this little old town," said a man who has lived in Saltcoats for 50 years when he chatted with him prior to the Board of Trade dinner at Saltcoats recently. "Should I leave here I know I wouldn't be happy anywhere else. Saltcoats has been very good to me. We have a grand lot of citizens and here I will always make my home."

Civic pride such as that is truly exemplary of Saltcoats and cannot be denied.

Deriving its name from a seaside resort on the Ayrshire coast of Scotland, the ancestral home of one of the men influential in opening up this portion of the west, Saltcoats and surrounding area is predominantly British and has always stood for British principles and traditions.

In the eighties the district was settled largely by people from the province of Ontario and Great Britain, practically every county in the British Isles from Cornwall to the Orkneys and Shetlands being represented by one or more families. A large number of Highland Scots families from the Hebrides and mainland were also settled in this district by the British authorities.

This parklike area, studded with poplar bluffs and numerous lakes, comprises a good agricultural district which from the earliest settlements has always produced livestock in conjunction with grain-growing.

Forming a crescent about the townsite of Saltcoats, Anderson's Lake adds greatly to the beauty of the surroundings and the enjoyment of citizens and many others who are coming in increasing numbers to the lake beach for summertime pleasures. Here the sports committee has built a playground for baseball, softball, golf

and field sports second to none, and the Dominion Day sports are excelled nowhere in the west.

Emblematic of the distinction of oversubscribing its allotment 29 times in the second Victory Loan campaign during the First Great War—a record for the Dominion—there hangs in the auditorium of Saltcoats town hall the Prince of Wales' Honor Flag and 29 crests. Beside it is the Governor-General's Honor Flag and four crowns for the community's endeavour in the first Victory Loan. They maintained a similar record in World War II.

Demonstrating their loyalty in a practical way, citizens of Saltcoats and district—one of hundreds of similar farming communities in Western Canada—gave the astounding total of \$350,000 toward the allied cause when subscriptions were asked for war and victory loans in World War I. About \$2,500 of this was contributed by the local branch of the I.O.D.E., who also sent a carload of flour to Belgium. And it was much the same story in the last war.

The material wealth contributed, however, was but a small part of what Saltcoats gave in the two Great Wars. Voluntarily to the colors went the cream of her young manhood. Sleeping in marked and unmarked graves throughout Europe with the "Young and Almost All the Brave" are many Saltcoats lads. Their names are inscribed on a dignified cenotaph, erected by voluntary subscription, which overlooks the poplar-fringed lake bordering the town. Behind the monument stands a captured field gun given as first prize by the Dominion government to the town and district oversubscribing their allotment in the victory loan during the First World War the largest number of times.

The community has been greatly blessed by the sterling character of the men and women who first settled this area. Their high ideals of citizenship prompted them at an early date to establish religious services and also to provide the greatest possible facilities for the education of their families. The district has enjoyed a high level of economic prosperity due to their foresight and integrity.

Many of the sons and daughters of the first settlers are now holding responsible positions in almost every line of human endeavor in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere. His Worship, Mayor Ford, said at recent banquet Saltcoats has reason to be proud of its record. Most of the local farmers are sons of those early pioneers and a goodly number of them have become prominent in agricultural circles for their accomplishments in the livestock industry and production of seed grain, having won many awards in both national and international exhibitions.

### REGINA SCENE OF 1955 BRIAR CURLING PLAYOFF

The next Macdonald's Briar curling championship will be held in Regina in the first week of March, 1955. W. C. Boyd, Regina, is the new president of the Dominion Association. Boyd, who was elected at the annual meeting held March 3 in Edmonton, succeeds Emmett Smith of Bourlameau, Que., who now goes up to the honorary president's seat. It is Regina's Golden Jubilee in 1955.

### Pembina, Alberta's Richest Oil Field

Alberta's new Pembina oil field has reserves between 762,000,000 and 952,960,000 barrels, according to three oil pipeline companies seeking permits to pipe oil from the area 75 miles southwest of Edmonton.

Estimates of recoverable crude might make Pembina the largest field in Canada. Redwater, long regarded as the country's largest oil field, has reserves estimated at more than 500,000,000 barrels. The three companies want to connect Pembina output with trans-mountain and interprovincial pipelines.

**NEW BAND**  
LLOYDMINSTER, Sask.—After almost 20 years without a band, this town has a new organization called the Lions Community Band. Under bandmaster Bob Bourassa they held their first public concert in February. 3082



**JAPANESE ENVOY HONORED**—Miss Mary Iwasaki, left, of the Quebec Citizens' association, presents a bouquet to the wife of Sadao Iguchi, Japan's retiring Ambassador to Canada, while the ambassador looks on. The couple, with their daughter, changed trains in Montreal on their way from Ottawa to Washington, where His Excellency will serve as Ambassador to the United States.

## First White Woman In Fort Edmonton District Was A Wonder To Indian Women

EDMONTON.—The first white woman known to have lived in the district around Fort Edmonton was Marie Lagimoniere who came west with a fur-trading party in 1808. Jean Baptiste, a scout, had married Marie in Quebec in 1806. To the Indian wives of the fur traders in the northwest, Marie Lagimoniere was a wonder—she was white. The squaws are said to have waited on her hand and foot and to have handled the strange white creature like a delicate toy.

A baby boy, said to have been the first white child born in the West, arrived at the Lagimoniere home on the Pambina river northwest of Edmonton in 1809 or 1810.

Because the day was King George II's birthday, the baby was called "Reine," the only clue to indicate sex.

Later Marie gave birth to another baby at Fort Edmonton. It was called "La Prairie" because soon after, while riding on the prairie, was nearly killed by a stampeding buffalo herd.

Because Jean wanted the Indians to respect his wife, he spread the story she was protected by the evil eye and could kill anyone offending her by just looking at the person.

After their arrival, the Lagimoniere lived on the prairie outside Fort Edmonton and Jean Baptiste made his living by hunting and fishing.

Their living outside the fort came to an end following a wild commotion around the white woman's tepee.

At that time the Edmonton district was the centre of a war between the Blackfeet and the Crees. One day the Lagimoniere tepee was surrounded by a band of Crees. Although a half breed who lived with the crees told Marie they would not harm her and that they were looking for Blackfeet, Marie was frightened.

Jean felt one such invasion was enough, so Marie moved into Fort Edmonton, the first white woman known to have lived inside the great log enclosure.

From Marie Gaboury Lagimoniere

ere, the story of white women in the district jumps at least 50 years to the days of Rev. George McDougall and Mrs. McDougall in the 1860s.

There are three kinds of twins—identical, fraternal and Siamese.

## Veteran Weekly Newspaper Publisher Dies At Craik

One of Saskatchewan's veteran weekly newspaper publishers, Lee Bronson, 80, of Craik, was buried recently in the town where he first came to homestead in 1906. Mr. Bronson died at his home in Craik after a long illness.

The service for Craik's long-time newspaper editor was conducted with James Sangster officiating. Taking as his theme the darkness of human suffering and the morning of the resurrection, Mr. Sangster said the best tribute to the man who had passed on was the large representation of town and district citizens that filled the United church for the service.

Mr. Bronson was born in Manchester, Iowa, where his father published and edited the Manchester Democrat.

He came to Craik in 1906 and filed on a homestead between Craik and Liberty. In 1908, he took over publication of the Craik Weekly News, and later started the Liberty Press. For a time he also published a paper at Brock, Sask. He also farmed in the Brock area for a period.

One of Craik's pioneer council members, Mr. Bronson took a paramount interest in developing and sustaining sports activities in the district. He early promoted

interest in pee wee hockey in the town and was as well a baseball enthusiast. Hunting was another of his outdoor hobbies.

Surviving are his wife, and a daughter, Mrs. Fred Ware, of Craik. One brother, Byron, lives at Muskogee, Okla.

Since his protracted illness, which began 10 years ago, Mr. Bronson's papers have been published under the supervision of Charlie Hontscharuk, who joined the paper in the twenties.

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2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
2 teaspoons salt  
2 tablespoons shortening  
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1 teaspoon granulated sugar  
and stir until sugar is dissolved. Sprinkle with contents of 1 envelope Fleischmann's Fast Rising Dry Yeast  
Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture.

**Stir in**  
2½ cups once-sifted bread flour and beat until smooth and elastic; stir in 1½ cups lightly-packed shredded old cheese

**Work in**  
2½ cups more (about) once-sifted bread flour  
Turn out on a lightly-floured board and knead dough lightly until smooth and elastic. Place in a greased bowl and warm place, free from draught, and let rise until doubled in bulk. Turn out dough on lightly-floured board and knead lightly until smooth. Divide into portions and finish as follows:

### 1. CHEESE LOAF

Shape half a batch of dough into a loaf and fit into a greased bread pan about 4½ by 8½ inches. Grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 375°, about 40 minutes—cover loaf with brown paper during latter part of baking to avoid crust becoming too brown.

### 2. MARMALADE BRAID

Roll out a quarter of a batch of dough into an 8-inch square on a lightly-floured board; loosen dough. Spread with ¼ cup marmalade and sprinkle with ¼ cup chopped nuts. Roll up jelly-roll fashion; seal edge and ends. Roll out into an oblong 9 inches long and 3 inches wide; loosen dough,

Cut oblong into 3 lengthwise strips to within an inch of one end. Braid strips, seal the ends and tuck them under braid. Place on greased cookie sheet. Grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 375°, about 20 minutes.

### 3. CHEESE BREAD STICKS

Cut a quarter of a batch of dough into 18 equal-sized pieces and roll, one at a time, into slim strips about 7 inches long. Brush strips with water and roll lightly in cornmeal. Place, well apart, on greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 375°, about 10 minutes.





## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## Tea Is A Comfort

By Wanda Moore

MADGE DAY looked at the drab rug. Drab furniture went with it and drab people. And she was it—drab people. She did not want Tad's mother to see any of it. Any minute now Mrs. Trent would be at the door. Mrs. Trent, the mother of the boy Madge's daughter was going to marry. She would come in, and she would look at the drabness of Madge and of the room and she would say polite things and go away and try to take her son out of Lynn's life. Her only son should have something better than drabness. Perhaps she would show her surprise that she had even considered Lynn suitable for Tad, but Madge doubted that because Tad was so sweet, so good to Lynn that his mother would know how to hide her surprise and would gently withdraw, forgetting that Lynn was color and life and goodness. That even the room could be beautiful with Lynn in it.

Fervently, Madge wished that she were not so worn, so tired from making ends meet when there were no ends, only frayed pieces of life that she seemed unable to draw together any more. She wanted Lynn to be happy, and she knew that Lynn's happiness was with Tad and that losing him was not something that she would "get over in time." Silly phrase!

Madge shook herself and rearranged the tea things on the worn tray. Everything ready except to make the tea. At least she would have the comforting ritual of tea to keep her from feeling too deeply the disapproval of Tad's mother.

The bell rang. For a minute Madge did not move. Then she straightened her shoulders inside her afternoon dress and walked slowly toward the door. Her fingers fumbled with the knob. Then she and Mrs. Trent were facing each other.

Mrs. Trent smiled. "Mrs. Day? I'm Mrs. Trent," she said, and Madge looked from the deceptively simple expensive coat to the matching hat and back to the smiling face that looked surprisingly like Tad, and she could think of nothing to say because she kept wanting to say, I knew it would be like this.

Mrs. Trent's smile began to fade. "You are Mrs. Day, aren't you?"

Madge swung the door wide. "Oh, yes," she said swiftly. "And you're Tad's mother. Forgive me. I was just thinking how much you

look like him. I would know you instantly. Come right in."

But when Mrs. Trent was settled in the worn tapestry chair across from her in the living room, the drabness of the room had given way to a complete lack of color, and Madge knew that she was just as colorless as the room.

She saw a questioning look appear and then hide in Mrs. Trent's eyes before Mrs. Trent said, "I am sorry that I did not get around to meet you before. I know that being busy is no excuse."

No, thought Madge, you will always regret not having come around sooner so that you could have stopped Tad before he started to talk marriage with a girl from surroundings like these.

She forced a smile. "I am sorry, too," she said. She was on her feet. "I'll just get the tea. Tea is a comfort." She fled from the room. What a silly thing to say, she thought.

Now they sat with steaming tea cup in their hands. A click of the other's cup against the saucer drew Madge's eyes to Mrs. Trent's hand. It was trembling, ever so slightly, but trembling.

Why should her hand tremble? Madge wondered. All she was going to do was take the world away from Lynn. She stiffened. I won't let her. She raised her eyes to Mrs. Trent's face. There was a lost look there. The same look that Madge had when the frayed ends would not meet.

Mrs. Trent said, "I know it is terribly hard for you."

Madge nodded. "Yes. What matters is what is best for Lynn. And Tad," she added quickly.

Mrs. Trent nodded back. "For both of them, of course," she said. "For both of them."

"Lynn's happiness means everything to me," said Madge.

A faint light began to glow in Mrs. Trent's eyes. "Whatever she decides?" she asked.

"Yes," Madge said softly. "She loves Tad, Mrs. Trent. She will never be happy without him."

Carefully, Mrs. Trent set her cup on the tray. Then she began to laugh.

Madge could see nothing funny about love—not the kind Lynn and Tad had. What was the matter with Mrs. Trent? "It isn't funny," Madge said.

"Oh, yes it is," and Mrs. Trent dabbed her eyes with a lace handkerchief. "Now I know why you looked at me that way when I came to the door. You were as

## Third Stockton Well Big Gas Producer

DRUMHELLER, Alta.—Indications for a brighter future for the holders of units in the Stockton Syndicate took the right turning as their well blew in as a gasser on property about two miles south of the city recently.

The gasser, which drew the attention of hundreds of members of the community, in the initial "blow in" gave indications of being twice the producer of the success on the Bib Vogan property finally rated at 44½ million cubic feet per day.

Fred Stockton, founder of the syndicate made up for the most part of local investors, felt that new well proved the field as a top-ranking gas producer.

Future activities of the company, which will be officially announced within the next several days, may follow one of many courses. There is no chance, however, of the two wells providing the natural gas to be used in a few months to heat homes and business places in the city, it was learned.

Conservation Board policy, it was pointed out, will require that the gas to be used here will be taken as a waste product, then refined, from the field on the other side of the river to the Stockton holdings.

Stockton, who has been exceptionally keen on the future of the holdings of his associates, feels that in the remaining land other gassers, each as potent, will be found. Piping the gas to other centres, seems highly likely at the moment.

Members of the Stockton Syndicate, as the first pangs of amazement wore off, felt that their holdings in the near future would expand to great proportions.

afraid that I wouldn't like you as I was that you wouldn't approve of me." She leaned forward. "Mrs. Day, I want a daughter, and I was so afraid that you would feel that you could not share Lynn with Tad and me."

Madge was laughing now. "And I looked at this drab room and me . . . oh, no. What fools we can be sometimes."

And they settled back to enjoy their second cup of tea, wishing that Tad and Lynn were there to share this minute with them. (Copyright Wheeler Newspaper Syndicate)

## Fashions

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by Anne Adams

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## Funny and Otherwise

An angry motorist drove his baby car back to the works. "I want all the wheels taken off," he said, "and replaced by four big ones. I'm not going to have every dachshund that passes barking through my window."

Said one man to another: "You didn't laugh at Smith's joke. I thought it was quite a good one."

"It was a good one," replied the other, "but I can't stand Smith. I shall laugh when I get home."

A village football team had been playing very badly, so it was a great surprise to one of their supporters when he learned that each player had been presented with a pocket-lighter.

"Why a pocket-lighter?" he asked a friend.

"Well," was the reply, "they've lost all their matches."

"So you wish to marry my daughter? Do you think you're suited?"

"I certainly do, sir. With her charm and your money, we were made for each other."

A revivalist said to his congregation: "There is a man among us who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts a dollar in the collection box, his name will be read from the pulpit."

When the collection box came in there were six dollar bills in it, and one for 50c with a note pinned to it, saying: "This is all the cash I have, but I will send the other half dollar on Wednesday."

A dear old lady entered a bookshop and approached an assistant.

"I want a book for my nephew," she said.

"Certainly, madam," was the reply. "Any special subject?"

"Well," said the old lady, "he's just started work as a railway porter, and I want to help him. I think I'll send him that book called 'Hints on Successful Platform Speaking.'"

Two women were chatting over tea.

"Yes," said one, reminiscently, "I fell desperately in love with my dear husband at first sight. I remember it just as though it were yesterday. I was walking along the front at Brighton with my father, and he suddenly pointed to him and said, 'There, my dear, goes a man worth \$200,000!'"

Two sisters had lived together for many years. Then, when one was 98 and the other 96, the elder died. The doctor who undertook the task of breaking the news to the survivor feared that the shock might have serious results.

But the old lady bore up wonderfully. "Ah, well," she said, "now I suppose I shall be able to have tea the way I like it."

Client (after being suddenly slapped on the face): "What's that for?"

Crystal-Gazer: "That's for kissing my husband next Friday night."

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## Report Shows

## Manitoba's 1953 Agriculture Production Lowest Since 1947

Net returns from Manitoba's agriculture industry in 1953 were lowest since 1947 and considerably below the 1952 figure, according to the annual crop bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture and Immigration. Estimates, based on initial payments only for wheat, oats, and barley, set total net agricultural production at \$210,673,000 and an average of \$4,051 for each of 52,000 farms now operating in the province.

In 1952, net returns were \$248,757,000; in the record year of 1951 they reached \$281,072,000. Average net return per farm in 1952 was \$4,976; in 1948 it was \$5,245.

A summary of weather indicates that winter in 1953 was mild with little snow. Spring came early but was backward and dry. Summer was cool, very wet, and reached flood proportions in several areas of the province. Fall was open, mild, with little snow.

While considerably below the record output of crops in 1952, it is pointed out, yields were generally well above average. Rust caused considerable concern among wheat growers, but resulted in an overall loss to the wheat crop below what had been expected. Barley was "disappointing" both in yield and in sample.

Special crops were generally satisfactory. Peas, beans, and corn for canning yielded well. Absence of frost until the latter part of September permitted-backward crops of both fodder and huckling corn to reach maturity. Sunflowers, while down in acreage, returned highest average yield since

1948. Field crops were better than average.

Cattle marketings totalled 174,806—an increase of 19.8 per cent. over 1952, holding gross returns close to 1952 levels in spite of a continued decline in cattle values through 1953. Average price was \$13.87 per cwt. Calf marketings and prices followed similar trends.

Swine populations declined by 29 per cent. in 1953. During the year, 321,260 swine were sold for slaughter, a 29.1 per cent. decrease from the extremely high marketings of 1952. Indications are for heavier production in 1954 as farmers increased breeding stock during the fall months.

Total milk production was up by 4.7 per cent. from 1952 production. Manufacture of creamery butter increased by 6.1 per cent. from the previous year—highest since 1948. The production increase is attributed chiefly to a favorable season for pasture and forage crops.

Cheddar cheese manufacture was down by 15.3 per cent; ice cream decreased by 2.7 per cent. from the 1952 level.

Jane Ashley Says



"Try my favorite recipe for the month"

## SALMON CASSEROLE

- 4 medium onions, quartered
- 1½ cups water
- 1½ cups milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch
- ¼ cup water
- 2 cups canned peas
- 2 cups canned salmon
- 1 cup salted cracker crumbs

COOK onions in water until tender. ADD milk, butter, salt and pepper; heat to boiling. MIX BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch with ¼ cup water to make a smooth paste. ADD to hot liquid gradually; cook until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. ADD peas and salmon; mix well. POUR into greased 1½-quart casserole; sprinkle crumbs over top. BAKE at 350°F. 40 minutes or until done. YIELD: 6 to 8 servings.



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## Peanut Butter Pinwheel Loaf

Mix and sift into a bowl, 3 c. once-sifted pastry flour (or 2½ c. once-sifted all-purpose flour), 5½ tps. Magic Baking Powder, ¼ tsp. salt. Cut in finely 7 tbs. chilled shortening. Combine ½ c. milk and ½ tsp. vanilla. Make a well in dry ingredients and add liquids; mix lightly with a fork. Knead for 10 seconds on lightly-floured board and roll out to 1½" thick rectangle, 8½" along one side. Cream together 1 tbs. butter or margarine, ¼ c. peanut butter and ½ c. lightly-packed brown sugar; sprinkle on rolled-out dough. Beginning at an 8½" edge, roll dough up like a jelly roll and place in a greased loaf pan (4½" x 8½"). Bake in a hot oven, 400°, about 45 minutes. Serve hot, cut in thick slices, or cold, cut in thin slices, lightly spread with butter or margarine.



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—By Les Carroll





## You Can Grow Celery

Celery is one of our most popular salad foods. It can be grown readily and the following should prove helpful to those gardeners who wish to grow celery.

Experience has shown that it is best to sow the seed now. The plants may be ready for pricking out between the last week in April and the first week in May. They should be set outdoors about June 10, but not earlier, since shock from low temperatures may cause premature seed stalk development. The plants may be set out six inches apart in rows three to four feet apart.

Celery is a poor forager and a heavy feeder so liberal applications of well rotted manure are highly beneficial. Where accessi-

ble, peat moss may take the place of manure if nitrate fertilizer is applied prior to planting and several times to the plants before they are one-third to one-half grown. It is advisable to prepare the soil in the fall and to build-up a supply of soluble nutrients from decomposition of the manure.

Deep working of the soil is essential but in doing so clay subsoil may be encountered. It is therefore advisable to remove a shovel depth of the clay in a strip about 15 inches wide. When the soil is finally prepared it should be basined to a depth of approximately four inches to hold water.

Copious watering between periods of abundant precipitation is most essential. Where high levels of fertility and steady supplies of water were provided, yields up to 114 pounds per 30-foot row were obtained.

Experiments have shown that

blanching with boards is superior to mounding while trenching is superior to level culture. Blanching with boards has also produced considerably higher yields. Twelve inch common lumber is satisfactory and it is important to place the boards tightly against the plants, holding them securely with stakes. Stinkbugs may be placed at the ends of the rows and soil slightly mounded against the boards to exclude light.

Most of the celery now grown and marketed is no longer blanched. The use of new varieties which have been developed do away with the necessity for blanching. Even though the stalks are green there is no bitterness and the flavor is very good. The saving in labor, material and time, which are required for blanching, is appreciable.

Bed treatment with plants spaced 7x7 inches and highly fertilized with manure and chemical

## HERE AND THERE

After spending many months in hospital recovering from an attack of polio Cliff Kilcup has returned to town. His many friends will be glad to know he is recovering.

The ex-Gleichen old timers now living in Calgary are having their annual winter get together Saturday evening, in the Oddfellows Hall

fertilizers has produced high quality celery and high yields per unit area although size of bunch was reduced. This method of culture lends itself to gardeners with limited space and with abundant water supply. Extreme caution must be taken to supply adequate water and nutrients at all times to keep the plants healthy and free from blackheart disease.

in Calgary. Gleichen people are invited to attend.

More signs that spring is just around the corner. The implement agents in town are very busy setting up farm machinery.

Mr. T. B. Northfield, Optometrist, will be at the Queen's Hotel in Gleichen on Thursday afternoon March 25th, for the purpose of examining eyes, etc. Calgary office 721, 4th Street West.

Mrs. Stanley Hall received word Sunday that her brother Mr. J. P. Cooney had died that morning in Harlowtown, Mont. Mrs. Hall had spent a few days visiting him last week.

The regular meeting of the F. W. U. A. was held at the home of Mrs. G. Robison with 18 members and four visitors present.

Mrs. McKeever, Mrs. F. Sammons and Mrs. McArthur will attend the Presidents and Secretaries Conference at Crossfield on April 2nd. Plans were made to attend the district rally at Strathmore April 3rd. A donation of \$10 was given to the Red Cross. Mrs. Cunningham read an interesting paper on Alberta Place Names. An interesting demonstration of the Eliza sewing machine was enjoyed by all. After adjournment a pleasant hour was spent over the tea cups.

Raymond Menard and his daughter Karan of Grand Prairie, arrived in town Saturday to spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Larsen paid a visit to the district north of Edmonton last week. They returned home Sunday.

**GEORGE ELLIS BRADLEY**  
George Ellis Bradley a guest at Eventide Home died last week after a lengthy illness at the age of 83 years. He was born in Ontario and had lived in the province for some years. By trade he was a building contractor and retired some years ago. He came to Gleichen from Calgary. Funeral service for Mr. Bradley was conducted in the auditorium of Eventide Home by Major E. Broom of the Salvation Army, after which interment was made in Eventide Home cemetery. A son, his wife, and a number of friends from Calgary and Gleichen attended the funeral.

The aims objectives and accomplishments of our democratic way of life, which in recent years have successfully warded off the forces of suppression in world conflict, is best displayed in the ranks of the reserve army force, a brief visit to the parade will prove. Men enlisting in the reserve force through training and their desire, are prepared to defend the democratic way of life. Through the ranks of the peacetime reserve army come the men and officers to take the greatest responsibilities and the heaviest duties in time of war. That thousands of former battle action veterans and young Canadians each week turn out for training in the Reserve Force of Canada is one of the healthier signs of our democratic way of life.

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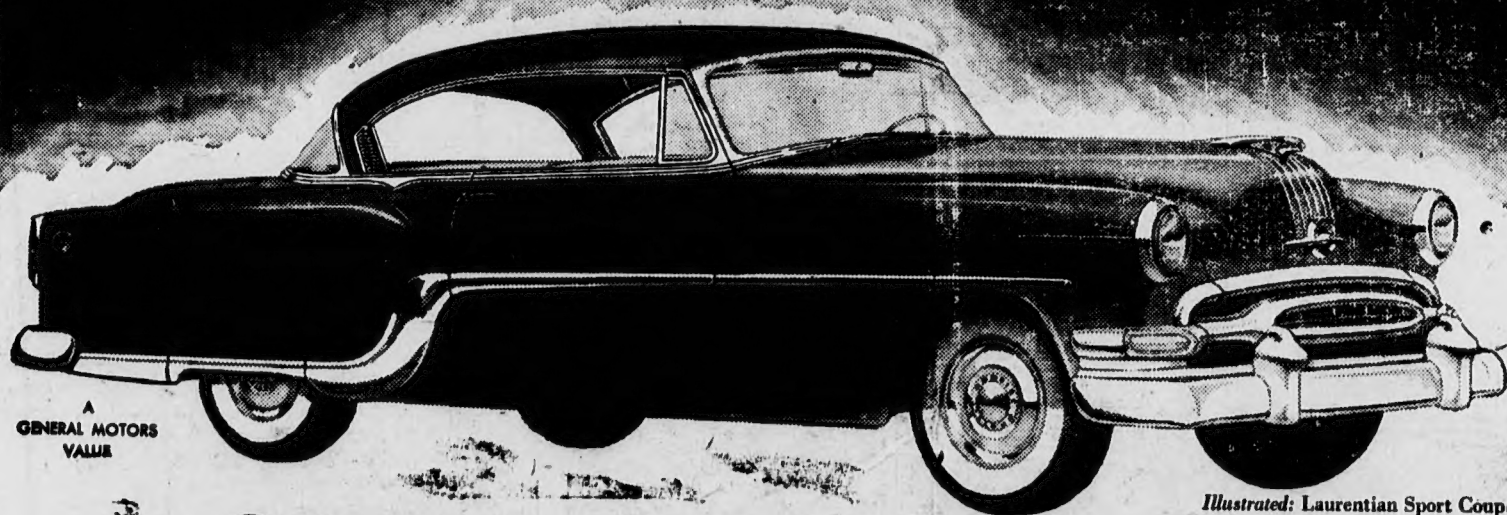
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